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Title: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR** :
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REINFORCED, THREE-ZONE :
MICROPOROUS MEMBRANE :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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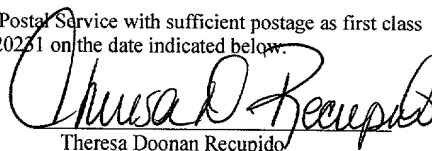
Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

- This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/522,452, filed March 9, 2000, of Meyering, et al., and is related to commonly owned U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/043,181, filed April 11, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 090/040,979, filed March 18, 1998, of Vining, et al., and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/123,459 of Meyering, et al., filed March 9, 1999, the disclosure of each is herein incorporated by reference -

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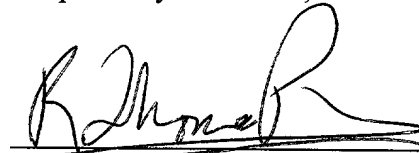
Please cancel claims 1-24 and 31-52 without prejudice.

REMARKS

The subject application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/522,452 filed March 9, 2000. Claims 25 - 30 are the only claims pending in this application. Early and favorable consideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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